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Dear Governor Cooper,

I am a retired senior environmentalist who worked for the U.S. EPA for over 31 years and I now serve as a volunteer leader with the local Sierra Club group. I have a BA in Chemistry and a MSPH in environmental management and policy from UNC-Chapel Hill. In my EPA career I earned the Agency's top annual award for work in the field of air quality for my work in population exposure and health risk assessment. I offer this background to let you know that I'm not some radical environmentalist, but rather one who is deeply concerned about the fate of our planet and knowledgeable about the threat posed by building more fracked gas infrastructure.

I strongly urge you to do all that is in your power to stop the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) from being built. The ACP owners and natural gas industry are flooding the airwaves with advertisement that claims the pipeline will bring clean natural gas to our state. The ads totally ignore the dramatic negative impact on our climate that even a small amount of methane leakage will produce. As I hope Jeremy Tarr has informed you, methane is 80 to 100 times more potent in terms of its greenhouse effect when one considers a time horizon of 100 years or less. Please read the December 4th Raleigh News and Observer editorial that concludes "the overarching reason to oppose a new pipeline that would carry 1.5 billion cubic feet of ... gas a day is that it takes North Carolina's and the nation's energy development in exactly the wrong direction. Money should be poured into the development of renewable energy and the generation of power on site rather than into the pumping in of fossil fuel from hundreds of miles away."

The pipeline will not be a lifeline for eastern North Carolina. Locking in more fracked gas infrastructure will only delay Duke Energy and other utilities from moving aggressively to add renewable sources such as solar and wind energy. As another N&O editorial concluded (November 18), building more wind turbines and solar arrays and encouraging better battery technology for storing solar power, "not running a 50-foot wide swath through eastern North Carolina for the pipeline – represent the best path for the state's energy future."

My wife and I just became grandparents last month. For my children and grandchildren's future, I urge you to

say "NO" to the ACP. We really do need to step up and make the hard decisions if we are to have any chance of lessening the impact of climate change.

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